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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for a period of two months to respond to the Final Office Action dated November 13, 2007. The period for response, which had been set to expire on February 13, 2008, will now expire on April 14, 2008, since the 13<sup>th</sup> of April fell on a Sunday on which the Patent Office was closed. A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510 for any additional fees required for entry of this amendment.

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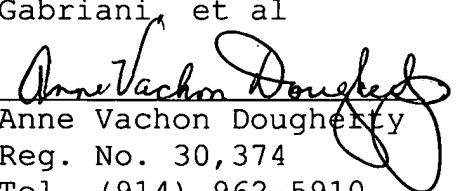
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